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PRICES OF GINGER .
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether ginger prices have fallen steeply in the country;

(b) If so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) The steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): As per data supplied by the State Governments, the yearly average prices of fresh variety of ginger in major producing States/centres for the given years/month are given below:-

(Rs. per quintal)

Year/ State	Kerala (Kozhikode)	West Bengal (Kolkata)	Uttar Pradesh (Kanpur)	Haryana (Ambala)	Delhi
2003	1621	2027	1490	1856	2633
2004	3117	3758	2623	2839	4167
2005	2275	2645	2231	2619	4222
2006 (June)	900	1063	2460	2300	3200

The prices of ginger have shown fluctuations from State to State and over time due to play of demand and supply factors.

Ginger is a horticultural produce, which is of perishable nature. Ginger is covered under Market Intervention Scheme (MIS). Under this Scheme, State Governments are required to send specific proposals as and when prices of such commodities fall below the remunerative levels and farmers are likely to incur losses and forced to sell in distress. The Government intervenes in the markets and makes purchase of specific quantity at mutually agreed prices with the concerned State. The losses, if any, are shared on 50:50 basis.

During last three years, the MIS for procurement of ginger had been implemented as under:-

Years	State	Procurement price (Rs. per Qtl)	Qty. allowed for procurement (in MT)
2003-04	Mizoram	400	15,000
2004-05	-Do-	500	5,900
2005-06	Mizoram	500	6,400

During the current financial year, so far, no proposal from any State Government has been received for procurement of the ginger under MIS.